

# February Chimes 2025



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# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Rector's Column

*"You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with the wicked to act as a malicious witness. You shall not follow a majority in wrongdoing; when you bear witness in a lawsuit, you shall not side with the majority so as to pervert justice; nor shall you be partial to the poor in a lawsuit."*  
Exodus 23:1-3

Dear Friends,

Instead of my usual monthly column, I am providing information about the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations (OGR) and the Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN). Both are significant resources for finding information and advocacy tools, along with the social justice work and commitments of The Episcopal Church. Everyone can become as involved as they want, including developing ministries and local relationships between Trinity and community partners for mutual support, education, and action. By signing up for the EPPN Action Alerts, you will have the most recent information and learn about opportunities about how to involve/inform our congregation and how to apply the advocacy tools of our church. Be sure to watch the YouTube video, "Inside the Episcopal Church with Rebecca Linder Blachly" by clicking on the link provided at the end of this article. Rebecca is the current Director of the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations.



All Are Welcome!

Pastor Rachel+  
The Rev. Rachel Gemba'teh Taber-Hamilton, Rector

## **The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations**

The Office of Government Relations (OGR) represents the policy priorities of The Episcopal Church to the U.S. government in Washington, D.C. and helps to shape the discussion of political issues throughout the Church. OGR aims to influence policy and legislation on critical issues, highlighting the voices and experiences of Episcopalians and Anglicans globally. All policy positions are based on General Convention and Executive Council resolutions. We are one of a group of offices that make up the Ministry Beyond the Episcopal Church team.

**Creation Care:** As we are called by God to care for creation, The Episcopal Church supports policies that protect the natural resources that sustain all life on Earth. We advocate for policies that mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, promote sustainable energy and the safe and just use of natural resources, and support communities impacted by a lack of environmental stewardship.

**Racial Reconciliation:** Racial reconciliation is a core component of our work, guiding and informing advocacy engagement. The Office challenges long-established policies that perpetuate systemic racism and injustice and strives to change legislation that continues to harm communities of color. The Episcopal Church aims to bring a perspective of transformation to public policy in order to heal communities that have been the most marginalized and discriminated against.

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**Ending Poverty:** We advocate for policies that will eliminate poverty and help people live with dignity, both in the U.S. and internationally. We advocate for federal programs that provide development assistance and humanitarian relief, including education and healthcare initiatives, as well as support for social safety net programs, care for veterans, and other U.S.-focused anti-poverty initiatives.

**Migration, Refugees & Immigration:** As a Church, we are committed to advocating for policies that respect the dignity and worth of every human being- including protecting asylum, advocating for Dreamers & TPS holders, advocating for alternatives to detention, and urging long-term protections through comprehensive immigration reform. We work to protect the human rights and safety of refugees by supporting the refugee resettlement work of Episcopal Migration Ministries and advocating for robust refugee resettlement policies.

**Human Rights & Peacebuilding:** The Church supports legislation and policies that protect human rights and prevent atrocities, promote gender justice, and build peace. We partner with non-U.S. Episcopal diocese and provinces throughout the Anglican Communion to work towards justice.

### **Engage with Our Office**

Our advocacy becomes stronger with your help. From quick Action Alerts to volunteer opportunities, you can help grow our reach with advocacy and civic engagement efforts across the U.S. Go to the OGR webpage for more! <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/>

### **The Episcopal Policy Network**

Additionally, the Office of Government Relations works to educate, equip, and engage Episcopalians through the Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN). As a Church, we raise our voices to ensure that U.S. government policies are in line with our values as Episcopalians and Christians.

We engage in advocacy because federal government legislation and policies affect Episcopalians, our brother and sister Anglicans around the world, and the most vulnerable among us. Together, we can help our nation's legislation and policies to become more just.

Sign Up to learn more and to receive Action Alerts go to this webpage:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/engage/>

Learn more about becoming an EPPN Volunteer by clicking on this link:

[\*\*Volunteer with our EPPN Ambassador Program!\*\*](#)

Video Interview with OGR Director Rebecca Linder Blachly:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eChyzynMnaA>

Join the Live Updates, with schedule and links provided at:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/organizer/office-of-government-relations/>



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**8:00 AM**

**Spoken Rite 1-Eucharist Service  
In Person and Live Streamed**

**10:00 AM**

**Spoken Rite II-Eucharist Service  
In Person and Live Streamed**

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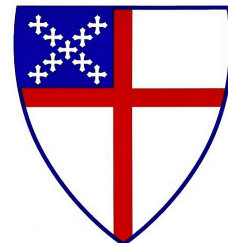
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## February 2025:

Saturday, February 1, 2025: Prayer Shawl Ministry at 10 AM

Sunday, February 2, 2025:

Presentation of Jesus & Candlemas at 8 & 10 AM

Author Forum after 10 AM service

Wednesday, February 5, 2025: Liturgy & Arts Zoom at 6:30 PM

Saturday, February 8, 2025: Vestry Retreat 9-4 PM

Sunday, February 9, 2025:

Epiphany 5 at 8 & 10 AM

All Scouts Sunday

Angie Griffin Internment at 11:30 AM

Altar Guild meeting at noon

Thursday, February 13, 2025: Washington Oakes Eucharist at 1 PM

Sunday, February 16, 2025:

Epiphany 6 at 8 & 10 AM

Ministry Resource Sunday

Sunday, February 23, 2025:

Epiphany 6 at 8 & 10 AM

Sharon Lake Internment at 11:30 AM

Thursday, February 27, 2025: Washington Oakes Eucharist at 1 PM

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

## 2024 Budget Financial Report

	2024 Budget	2024 Actuals	2024 Difference
<b>Plate and Contributions</b>	\$13,412	\$17,495	\$4,083
<b>Pledges</b>	\$313,793	\$316,252	\$2,459
<b>Endowments</b>	\$11,126	\$11,126	\$0
<b>Fundraisers</b>	\$10,000	\$13,025	\$3,025
<b>Other Income</b>	\$20,735	\$24,981	\$4,246
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$369,066</b>	<b>\$382,879</b>	<b>\$13,813</b>
<b>EIDL loan</b>	\$0	\$47,400	\$47,400
<b>Trinity Together / Other Dedicated</b>		\$23,700	\$23,700
<b>Total Income/Borrowing</b>	<b>\$369,066</b>	<b>\$453,979</b>	<b>\$84,913</b>

Trinity thanks you for your dedication in maintaining pledge payments in 2024. The year ended with a positive cash balance of \$9,437.50 which is being carried forward into 2025. The Trinity Together Fund has a year-end balance of \$54,175.00 which is being carried forward into 2025.

The balance of the EIDL Loan was fully transferred to the operating checking account in 2024. The EIDL Loan debt is now \$138,346.18 payable in monthly instalments until 2050.

The continued use of a blended model of Worship and greater usage of online giving helped keep our cash flow going throughout the year. We were able to pay our bills with congregational contributions, fundraisers, and the use of the EIDL loan.

Income Contributions above expected budget:	<b>\$ 13,813</b>
Trinity Together / Dedicated transferred to operating budget:	<b>\$ 23,700</b>
EIDL loan money used for the year:	<b>\$ 47,400</b>
Total Income above 2024 budget	<b>\$ 84,913</b>
The 2024 budget expected a deficit of:	<b>\$ 102,646</b>
9.6% Expenses less than budgeted:	<b>\$ 19,297</b>
Actual deficit expenditures 2024	<b>\$ 83,349</b>
Income less Expenses balance 2024	<b>\$ 1,564</b>

**A balanced budget is a financial situation where revenue equals or exceeds expenses.**

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## 2025 Budget

Here is a chart comparing how well we performed in 2024 to what we project our income and expenses will be in the year 2025.

	<u>2024 Actuals</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>
Plate and Contributions	\$17,495	\$13,682
Pledges	\$316,252	\$303,764
Endowments	\$11,126	\$10,627
Fundraisers	\$13,025	\$12,000
Other Income	\$24,981	\$16,620
Total Operating Income	\$382,879	\$370,692
EIDL loan	\$47,400	\$0
Trinity Together / Other Dedicated	<u>\$23,700</u>	<u>\$54,175</u>
Total Income/Borrowing	\$453,979	\$410,868
Church Programs	\$9,534	\$9,533
Salaries	\$264,685	\$273,743
General Expenses	\$74,944	\$107,613
Assessment	\$62,340	\$66,000
Other Expense	\$220	\$1,000
EIDL Repayment	<u>\$7,692</u>	<u>\$7,692</u>
Total Expenses	\$452,415	\$465,581
Income less Expenses	\$1,564	(\$54,713)

Total Operating Income is projected to be slightly down from 2024. This is typical for the first quarter of the year. Pledges historically continue to trickle into the office through the month of February.

The Trinity Together campaign was held to garner money above plate and pledge contributions for the operating checking account. The January 1, 2025 Trinity Together balance of \$54,175 is considered income.

Expenses up 5% which is about what inflation is currently. Salaries COLA this year is 3.8% per the Diocesan Convention of October 2024.

If you have questions, please contact me through the office or after mass on Sunday.

Jarman Minar - Treasurer

# **EXPLANATION OF GIVING STATEMENTS**

## **Information on your 2024 Giving Statements**

By now you have received your 2024 Annual Pledge Giving Statement and your 2022-2024 Capital Campaign Giving Statement for Trinity Episcopal Church. If you have not received them, please call the Church Office at (425) 252-4129 so we can get them to you.

## **2022-2024 Capital Campaign Giving Statements:**

Although the 3 years allotted for the Capital Campaign, “Refresh, Renew, Rejoice,” have ended, many people have not completed their pledges. The 3-year Capital Campaign Giving Statements have been distributed so that everyone who pledged can see the comparison between what was pledged and what has been given.

We will continue to accept Capital Campaign donations through the end of 2025 to allow time for pledgers to catch up. It is likely that the promised funds will be needed during this year.

If you have any questions about your Capital Campaign Giving Statement, please call or email the Church Office at (425) 252-4129 or [administrator@trinityeverett.org](mailto:administrator@trinityeverett.org) for help.

## **2024 Annual Pledge Giving Statements:**

Everyone who has donated funds to Trinity Episcopal Church during 2024 has received a Giving Statement, whether the household was a planned Pledge or an occasional Contribution.

The 2024 Giving Statement you received shows all of your donations to Trinity Episcopal Church during 2024, including donations to the Capital Campaign. This is so that you will have all of your donations for your taxes on one document.

If you have any questions about your 2024 Giving Statement, please call or email the Church Office at (425) 252-4129 or [administrator@trinityeverett.org](mailto:administrator@trinityeverett.org) for help.

Dianne McCormack,  
Financial Secretary



# Leadership Team

## Vestry

- Eileen Bernat (class of 2025)
- Bill Walker (class of 2025)
- Richard McGee (class of 2025)
- Joe Rochon (class of 2025)
  
- Kathy Crosby (class of 2026)
- Lorraine Dietel (class of 2026)
- Debi Schmidt (class of 2026)
- Michelle Wheeler (class of 2026) - SENIOR WARDEN
  
- Michael Hensley (class of 2027)
- Matthew Jones (class of 2027)
- Tom Munyon (class of 2027)
- Rachael Olsen (class of 2027)

## Diocesan Convention Delegates and Alternates 2025

Diocesan Convention 2025: Diocesan Convention will be held on Zoom only on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

### **Convention Delegates**

- Jerry Carson (class of 2025)
- Carolyn Carson (class of 2025)
- Joe Rochon (class of 2026)
- David Spring (class of 2026)

### **Convention Alternates**

- John Heberling (class of 2025)
- Betsey Mullen (class of 2025)
- Troy Andrews (class of 2026)
- Linda Gabourel (class of 2026)

## Endowment Committee Members

- John Heberling, Chair (2023-2025)
- Betts Bell (2023-2025)
- Kevin Mack (2022-2024)
- Don Stapleton (2022-2024)
- Linda Gabourel (2024-2026)



**February Birthdays:**

Norman Grace	2/2
Melody Oxley	2/4
Janet Kowalski	2/5
Bran don Ainsworth	2/11
Gregory Henderson	2/14
John Heberling	2/14
David Spring	2/18
Adele Erbeck	2/23
Sandy Chappell	2/26
Bill Bartley	2/27
Kristen Finley	2/27

**February Anniversaries:**

Lawrence Sylvester & Shawn Ruskin	2/7 (15 years)
Rev. Allen Hicks & Christine McKenna	2/9 (8 years)
Mark & Beth Tupper	2/23 (40 years)

# OUR CORE VALUES

(Vestry Retreat 2016)





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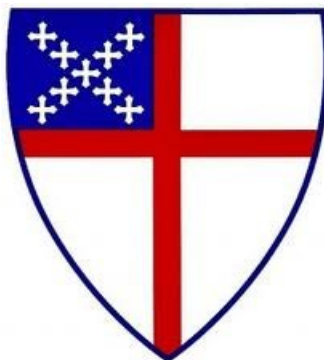
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